Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

February 23, 2009

An act to add Section 6525.1 to the Government Code, relating to joint powers agreements.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 419, as introduced, Caballero. Joint powers agreements: water utilities.

Existing law, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, authorizes a public agency, which is defined as a federal, state, or local governmental agency, a public corporation, or a district or a regional transportation commission, to enter into an agreement for the joint exercise of powers and to create an agency or entity that is separate from the parties to the agreement.

This bill would authorize a water utility that is regulated by the Public Utility Commission to enter into a joint powers agreement with one or more public agencies and other water suppliers, if the purpose of the joint powers agreement pertains to regional or local water management.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6525.1 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 6525.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a water
- 4 utility that is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission may

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- enter into a joint powers agreement with one or more public
- agencies and other water suppliers, if the purpose of the joint powers agreement pertains to regional or local water management,
- 4 including, but not limited to, water supply, water or wastewater
- treatment, or water distribution. 5